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AVAILABILITY OF CNG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme aimed at ridding of pollution caused by the consumption of petrol and diesel in transport vehicles is being implemented by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate quantity of CNG is available as per the requirement;

(d) if not, the quantity available and storage position of CNG; and

(e) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented throughout the country in accordance with the plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)&(b): The Government had announced an Auto Fuel Policy in October, 2003 which seeks to control vehicular pollution through changes in vehicular technology and fuel quality. The scheme is to introduce Bharat Stage-II emission norms for new vehicles throughout India and Euro III equivalent emission norms for new vehicles in 11 select cities in a phased manner starting from April,2005. Depending upon the availability of natural gas, CNG is also being introduced as auto fuel in some cities.

(c)to(e): At present, CNG as auto fuel is being supplied in a big way in Delhi and Mumbai where more than 92,000 and 1,40,000 vehicles respectively are running on CNG. Full CNG requirement of both Delhi and Mumbai is being met. CNG is also being supplied in Surat and Baroda in a small way. The introduction of CNG for automotive purposes in other cities is dependant on creation of adequate pipeline infrastructure and source of gas. With the progressive expansion of gas transmission and distribution infrastructure and diversification of gas supplies, it is expected that CNG Projects would also gradually come up in other cities.